

INDIANA DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

COMMITTEE MEETING

March 6, 2007

The IDACS Committee met on Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at 10:00 a.m., at the Indiana State Police Youth Education and Historical Museum, with the following members in attendance:

Captain Michael White (Acting Chairman for Major John Clawson)	Brian Maxwell D. Michael Paxton
Captain Doug Shelton	Mary Ellen Scheiber
Andre' Clark (Proxy for Vivian Nowaczewski)	John Wall Ken Wilson
Kelly Dignin (Proxy for Don Kottowski)	

Advisory members present:	Sergeant John Richards Carrie Hampton
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OPENING COMMENTS

Acting Chairman White called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., with a quorum present.

CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS TO MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2006 MEETING

There were no corrections or additions made to the minutes of the last meeting. A motion was made by Ken Wilson and seconded by Andre' Clark that the minutes be accepted as written. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

(BMV/STARS Update)

Michael Paxton gave an update on the BMV/STARS Project. The BMV is re-writing their Registration Query to reduce the resource usage when an inquiry is made on a large organization by federal ID number, which could return up to 3,000 records, in some instances. They have not provided a time-table as to when that will be corrected; they are still in development and testing. No progress has been made on Boat Inquiries, but we had a report they are available in whatever format that was created in the initial project, unfortunately they tried to force Boat Inquiry into Vehicle Registration parameters and things don't always fit, but we are still trying to work with NLETS to develop a national standard for the exchange of boat data, but that is not a quick process.

(Omnixx Upgrade)

The upgrade, for various reasons, been delayed over the past several months. We believe we have resources in place now to fix a fairly good schedule. With that in mind, beginning the 2nd of April we will be doing in-house testing with the IDACS Training Staff and other operators at State Police Headquarters, Criminal Justice Data Division. Beginning the second week of April, about April 11th, we are going to bring in to the testing regiment various State Police Posts to start branching out and see how it is working in the field, not just in our lab environment. The third week of April we want to begin adding non-state police agencies to our list of agencies testing with us. Trainers will be recommending some agencies, but if there are any agencies interested in assisting us in testing the new version of Omnixx, please contact the IDACS Section. (Area Representatives, please take this message back to the agencies in your Area). We will be collecting the names of agencies interested. We will let you know if we would like to have you participate. We don't want you to take your primary terminals to do this, obviously, most agencies now have at least two (2) devices, but use your secondary terminal and use it for all types of functions, not just queries, but record entry, locates, switch messaging and use it as much as possible and as many ways as possible. Only with extensive use will we discover concerns we need to take back to Datamaxx and get corrected before we implement. We are planning implementation, actual cut-over, to begin on or about the 14th of May. The last week of April and first week of May, we will be sending out notifications of various means of what your appointment will be for cut-over. We will be doing cut-over essentially the same as we did a couple of years ago where we will go agency by agency and have you cut-over your secondary device and then once that is done, you will be turned loose to perform the same procedure on your other devices, however many you may have. Doing this allows us to keep both versions of Omnixx operating at the same time and slowly migrate agencies without some big flash cut-over and a great deal of stress on the network. There will be a new IP address to point to; currently you should be pointing to 10.17.253.200; that is the current Omnixx Version 2.4. We have not yet assigned a new IP address, but it will not be 200 and it will not be 210. We will let you know what that new address is and procedures to ensure that when you do cut-over, you move completely over to the new servers.

NEW BUSINESS

Acting Chairman White introduced Travis Hueston as a new IDACS Instructor and he will cover the northeast portion of the state. Travis comes to IDACS from the Ft. Wayne Post; he is not here today, he is training with Debbie Cook in Greenfield. Also, he introduced two (2) new IDACS Security Officers; Trooper Bill Hannon for the southern part of the state and Senior Trooper Brian Millard who will take care of the northern part of the state. Their supervisor is Sergeant John Richards who will continue to cover the central part of the state.

IDACS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORT

New Agencies/Additional Terminals Approved

There were no new Terminal Agencies approved this quarter in keeping with our new procedures, we will no longer list additional terminals approved for existing terminal agencies.

Terminal Operators Approved

After receiving favorable recommendation from the System Coordinator, the Chairman approved nineteen (19) IDACS operators with an arrest record. The decision was based on there being no felony convictions.

IDACS Coordinator Report

Andre' Clark gave the IDACS Coordinator Report on behalf of Vivian Nowaczewski. He wanted to remind everyone that the new Terminal Agency Agreements are on both the website and on the Omnixx Force site. You have two (2) places you can download the new agreement forms. You can go to the IDACS website or with Force, you can go to IDACS, System Documentation and it is there also. You need to download the agreements, have your agency head sign it, send two (2) copies to us and once we get the Superintendent and Major Clawson's signatures, we will send your copy back to you. This needs to be done prior to April. If you have any questions or difficulty with doing this, call the IDACS Section and we will walk you through it.

The Network Administrator for our network is changing. If you recall, when we first brought the network onboard with the new Omnixx program, IHETS provided the network for us. IHETS will no longer be acting as our Network Manager or maintainer for our network. That has been contracted out; we now have AT&T providing network administration and maintenance for the entire network. Starting last month we began to transition law enforcement agencies over to AT&T management and we are doing this currently, he believes five (5) or six (6) agencies, per night. According to the contract with AT&T, they are supposed to be more responsive to your needs than IHETS was and IHETS was very responsive. This means you will have a different procedure in case of an outage. If it is an outage that is not caused by IDACS (something is wrong with your circuit), you will have a new procedure to get your service restored. We will have an all-stations message out before the end of the week giving you the new procedures and it will include when we expect to have everyone transitioned. It appears they are going in alphabetical order, so he thinks the process will probably take at least the remainder of this month to complete. The AT&T cell that will be responsible for managing the network will be in Michigan, but that makes no difference in today's age because everything is managed from a decentralized location.

One of the handouts you received is about JTAC. JTAC is the new system that is being administered by the Supreme Court and basically they are going to do all entries of Protective Orders for you. The Court will be responsible for entering all Protective Orders throughout the state. The project for JTAC began in February and plans to finish it by October of 2007; they plan to have all counties on the JTAC network. Right now, there are only two (2) counties they have transitioned onto the new system (Blackford County and Tippecanoe County). The best thing is the Court, not the Judge is responsible for entering his Protective Orders. We have worked very hard with the Supreme Court to make sure this transition goes as smoothly as possible. Before they transition your county they will have a meeting with the Court and law enforcement in that county, at which time they will give you an overall briefing of how the system works in that county and give you a chance to ask questions. They are doing a county at a

time and hopefully we will be able to print their current deployment plan as far as what county will be done when, on the IDACS website. They should have that finalized to the point we can list it by the first part of this month, hopefully within the next week. The Interface between IDACS and JTAC is not working right now, it is partially completed but they are working on it. Hopefully by this week automatic entry of Protective Orders will be a done deal, at least in the two (2) counties they started with.

IDACS Security Officer's Reports

Sgt. John Richards – He has nothing to report at this meeting.

AREA REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

Area I Jamalyn Bogan –Was not present.

Area II Mary Ellen Scheiber – They have planned their next meeting for March 20th at Whitley County. Everyone is invited.

Area III Brian Maxwell –They will have their spring meeting at Hendricks County and they are finalizing the date at this time.

Area IV John Wall – They are having their spring meeting on April 27th at ISP Versailles Post.

Area V Ken Wilson – Their meeting will probably be held in May at the IMPD Training Academy. He made a comment that with the consolidation, as you contact Marion County or IMPD for hit confirmations especially, realize they are in a transition period and they took one department that was short-handed, combined it with another department that was short-handed and was supposed to have better service. We are running short-handed, by a bunch. You will get an answer, but right now just ask for you to kind of bear with us a little bit. Hopefully, the hiring freeze we have had for the last couple of years will be off and we can hire more people to staff that area.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Kelly Dignin reminded that the Law Enforcement Torch Run has been opened to Dispatchers to participate. The run will be the first Friday in June and will start at Victory Field and go all the way to Terre Haute, IN. You don't have to go the whole distance; you can walk, run or bike. If you don't want to do one of those and still participate, you can drive a vehicle to pick up those people who have had enough and take them to a safe place. Also, if you or your Department can't make it to Indianapolis to participate in the walk, run or bike, you can organize your own the same day and still be considered a participant, so there can be satellite runs throughout the entire state. You can contact Kelly for further information.

Mary Ellen Scheiber asked about Gun Permits on file in Indiana, but when you inquire on a driver's license they don't come back. Is that going to be made available sooner or later?

Michael Paxton answered there has been some discussion about that, it has not moved to the implementation stage yet, but it is a possibility. Other projects have superseded this one.

Andre' Clark added, it is available, but you have to do a separate inquiry in order to get whether or not a person has a gun permit.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

A question from the audience was about the STARS Program and if it would be modified to make it easier to run Apportion Plates? She said you have to put a zero someplace in the numbers.

Michael Paxton answered it is not BMV data; it is Department of Revenue data. BMV recognizes the importance of law enforcements need for accessing it through the most logical means which is BMV STARS system. BMV has been working recently with the Dept. of Revenue to develop an import procedure. They have been doing some testing with it and you will not need to put a zero in when it is completed. There are still some questions regarding the mapping of fields from the Dept. of Revenue's database to the BMV database. One side benefit to this testing; they discovered that even though BMV was returning organization names to us in what is termed, matched list response, multiple registrations came back. The original program by our vendor was not properly displaying this; it was only looking at an individual's name. They were able to identify the correct fields and modify the programming ourselves to now display that and it went into production last week. Probably within a month we should have regular Apportion Plate information.

Andre' Clark stated this has turned out to be a long term fix to get STARS to work with IDACS the way we want it to and asked everyone to continue to work through these problems and when you do hit a new problem, fax us a copy of the problem.

Michael Paxton spoke again about a response problem they have been getting a lot of reports about. There will be times when you will run a registration by plate, plate type and year and expect to get only one response, you in fact, get two. Typically it is the same owner, although once in a while will be different owners and its always different vehicles. Those are "transfer" situations where a plate has been transferred from one vehicle to another and it's due to the fact that BMV is not filtering out what they refer to as "inactive" registrations. They are now aware of the problem.

Mary Ellen Scheiber said that they ran a registration in the STARS Program and got three (3) responses and they are all the same vehicle and same people with the same VIN number. She said she will send copies to Mr. Paxton.

Another from the audience said they ran an Apportion Plate and couldn't get it. They called DOC and they ran it and it came back with the same plate, two different vehicles, one was issued in 2008. She will send a copy to Michael Paxton.

Someone else had a CDL – this persons status is “suspended infraction”, but their CDL is still valid. Mr. Paxton said that has been reported and BMV is aware of the problem and we are working with them to get it resolved. They should be considered suspended. Andre’ Clark said to expand on this; the guide from BMV is if an operator has a CDL, that is a secondary authorization. The primary is still the basic license, if the basic license is not valid, the CDL is not valid.

Another question was, are they going to make it so if they are “expired” on their regular operator license, the status says valid; are they going to make it say “expired” now.

Kelly Dignin said they were going to try to do “Val/Exp”, but have not done it yet.

Mr. Paxton said going back to the CDL situation, something that has been confusing at times, but is a valid situation that can occur. An individual can come back as having an Indiana regular ID card with a valid CDL authorization. That simply means that they acquired a CDL somewhere else out of state and BMV is aware of that status, but the only thing they have in Indiana is an ID card, which means they shouldn’t be driving a passenger vehicle, but they can drive a semi. They should have their CDL license though.

There was a question about “restrictions”. This person has a CDL Class A that is valid, but has all these restrictions, but no expiration date, should they have this many restrictions? Michael Paxton said he would need a copy of this one also.

Are Dealer Plates still in the dark tunnel? Michael said “yes”, we’ll check on it.

A question about Titles was answered by Michael Paxton that BMV has completed the bulk of their work, we are trying with our limited staff to get our side of the coding done to display that, but it is an extensive undertaking – they have to be mapped twice within our software. There is no date yet, but we will let you know when it is close.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments, Acting Chairman White made a motion to adjourn and Brian Maxwell seconded the motion. The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 5, 2007, (10:00 a.m.) at the Indiana State Police Youth Education & Historical Museum, next to D #52, 8500 East 21st Street, Indianapolis, IN.

(Please take note of a different location for the meeting)